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1. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON WE SEE
NO REASON WHY EXERCISE DAWN PATROL SHOULD NOT PROCEED AS
PLANNED. WE ARE COGNIZANT OF GREEK CONCERNS BUT FEEL THAT
AMPLE PRECEDENT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR EXERCISE AREAS
ESTABLISHED FOR DAWN PATROL. WE BELIEVE SUCH NATO EXER-

CISES ARE IMPORTANT TO OVERALL NATO PREPAREDNESS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PLANS FOR DAWN PATROL AND AREA TO BE USED FOR EXERCISE CLOSELY FOLLOW THOSE FOR PREVIOUS NATO EXERCISES IN AEGEAN AS NOTED IN PARA 2 REF. B.

2. US MISSION NATO SHOULD CONSULT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN EXERCISE TO ASSURE THAT THEY SHARE OUR VIEW THAT EXERCISE SHOULD PROCEED AS PLANNED. ASSUMING THEY SO AGREE, US MISSION NATO SHOULD THEN INFORM SYG LUNS AND DSYG PANSO OF OUR ENDORSEMENT OF PLANS FOR EXERCISE.

3. GIVEN COMPLEXITY OF THIS AND RELATED AEGEAN ISSUES WE DO NOT WISH TO ENGAGE GREEKS OR TURKS IN DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE OF AEGEAN ISSUES IN CONTEXT OF DAWN PATROL. DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER ALLIES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ASCERTAINING THEIR VIEWS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT EXERCISE SHOULD PROCEED AS NOW SCHEDULED.

4. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INSURE THAT AIRCREWS ARE PROVIDED SAME SUPPLEMENTAL COMMAND GUIDANCE ON BUFFER ZONE ISSUED PREVIOUSLY (PARA 2, REF. B).

5. WE WILL DELAY OUR RESPONSE TO GREEK EMBASSY WASHINGTON BASED ON PARA 1 ABOVE UNTIL ASSURED THAT NATO AND OTHER PARTICIPATING ALLIES INTEND TO GO AHEAD WITH EXERCISE AS PLANNED.

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